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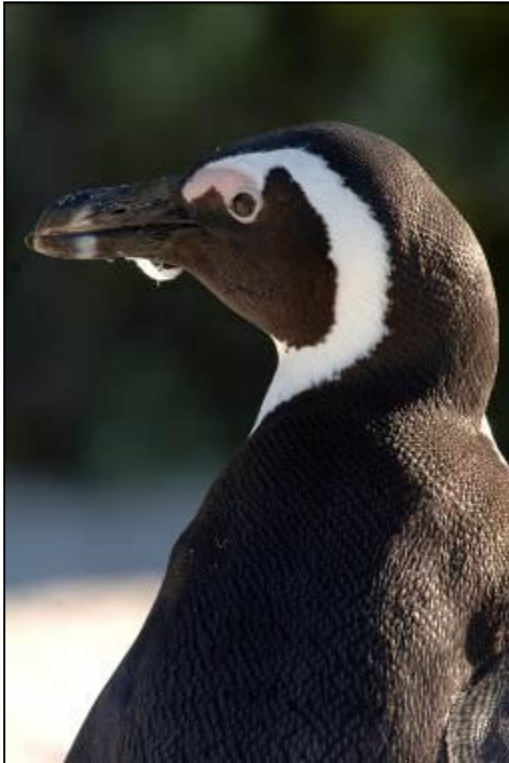
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ON A WILDLIFE & MARINE ADVENTURE TO

SOUTH AFRICA

THE "BIG FIVE" ON LAND & SEA

NOVEMBER 3 TO 15, 2019



YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 ~ SUNDAY ~ NOVEMBER 3

CHICAGO/EN ROUTE

Your adventure begins as you board your overnight flight to Johannesburg. (Meals Aloft)

DAY 2 ~ MONDAY ~ NOVEMBER 4

CAPE TOWN

This afternoon, arrive in Johannesburg where you connect with your flight to Cape Town, South Africa's "Mother City". Upon arrival, you will be met by your specialist guide and escorted to your hotel. The provincial capital, Cape Town, is a sophisticated city with plenty to see and do, particularly around the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront area, where delightful buildings of the Cape Dutch and Victorian-era architecture have been restored as shops, restaurants, museums and pubs, while the busy water traffic of the docks goes on unabated.

Your home for the next three nights, the Vineyard hotel and Spa, with over 200 years of history within its walls, this deluxe hotel is situated in six acres of attractive landscaped parkland on the banks of the Liesbeeck River. Located in the lush leafy suburb of Newlands, the Vineyard Hotel & Spa is within easy walking distance of the up-market Cavendish Shopping Centre and is just 10 minutes away from the City Center and the popular Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. This beautiful establishment comprises the original home of Lady Anne Barnard and new bedrooms designed by highly acclaimed architects Jack Barnett and Revel Fox. It is filled with works by leading South African artists and offers rooms ranging from single to family suites, both mountain and courtyard facing.

Overnight at the VINEYARD HOTEL. (Meals Aloft)

www.vinayrd.co.za



DAY 3 ~ TUESDAY ~ NOVEMBER 5

CAPE TOWN~CAPE PENINSULA/KIRSTENBOSCH BOTANICAL GARDENS/ TWO OCEANS AQUARIUM

Get ready for a breathtaking coastal drive to the Cape of Good Hope. You are surrounded by spectacular mountains, rugged shorelines, and the blue sea below. Stop at Hout Bay and take a boat ride to discover the seal colony. See Devil's Peak, Lion's Head, Table Mountain and the Twelve Apostles. Pass quaint seaside towns as you continue to Cape Point where the stormy waters of the Atlantic meet up with the calm waters of the Indian Ocean. At Cape Point, climb the steps or ride a funicular to the top where you can explore a lighthouse, enjoy the views or even indulge in a bit of shopping. Take a close look at the ocean where you may see dolphins and a variety of seabirds. You will also have the chance to explore the Cape Point Nature Reserve which is host to approximately half



of the 2,700 species of indigenous plants contained in the Cape Peninsula. Look for the distinctive orange found in leucospermums, one of the rarest types of proteas – the mimites, marvel at the helicrysums and pelarganium calcullums, and enjoy the ericas, phenacommas and fine bush which the Dutch called "fynbos." There are 250 species of birds in the reserve, ranging from ostriches to minuscule sunbirds. Caracal, chacma baboon, a wide variety of buck and various other mammal species may be seen, including Cape Mountain zebra and the bontebok which is endemic to this part of the world. The baboons feed occasionally on marine foods which they garner at low tide. At Olifants Bay, look for Oystercatchers, and enjoy some superb birding.



Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, and continue to Boulders Beach where the African (Jackass) Penguins can be seen – also known as the Black-footed Penguins. These flightless seabirds are found only on the coast of Southern Africa and the only penguins found on this continent. Enjoy a delightful walk on a specially-built platform onto the little sheltered beach where they nest among the rocks, and "waddle" up and down into and out of the sea. Since the penguins are accustomed to human presence you can safely get within a few feet of them as you stand on the platform, and it is sometimes possible to view them nesting behind rocks and bushes.

Continue with a guided tour of Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, arguably one of the most beautiful gardens in the world. Founded in 1913, Kirstenbosch lies on the eastern slopes of Table Mountain and consists of landscaped gardens of indigenous plants and trees, watered by the Liesbeek River, as well as natural forest that extend up to the lower slopes. Kirstenbosch covers an area of 1,383 acres, 148 of which are cultivated; the remainder is a natural flora reserve. It is a living display featuring 9,000 of the estimated 20,000 species of indigenous South African flora, and close to 50% of the peninsula's floral wealth. In the cultivated area, related plants are grouped together and radiate from the central lawns like the spokes of a wheel. Among the interesting sections here are the Cycad Amphitheatre, which hosts most species of these "living fossils" found in southern Africa; the famed Protea Garden on the higher slopes, with its profuse growth of silver trees (*Leucadendron argenteum*); the JV Mathews Rock Garden (named after the first curator) containing succulents of the genera *Crassula*, *Aloe*, *Lampranthus* and *Euphorbia*; the Erica Garden and the Pelargonium Koppie. Two streams cut through Kirstenbosch, both laced with besembos, red alder and hard fern. Of historical interest is an avenue of camphor trees and fig trees planted by Cecil Rhodes in 1898, and a small section of wild almond (*Brabejum stellatifolium*) hedge planted by Dutch settler Jan van Riebeeck in 1660. Birds of all sorts can be seen here as well – Dusky and Paradise Flycatchers, sunbirds, Klaas's cuckoos, bulbuls, pigeons, brilliant green and red Cape Sugarbirds (which pollinate the flowers), guinea fowls, and the Cape Batis.



Dinner this evening is held at the Two Oceans Aquarium, one of the finest aquariums in the world. Located in the heart of Cape Town's Waterfront. The aquarium showcases the unique marine life of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans which lie on either side of the Cape of Good Hope. It is considered to be one of the supreme aquariums worldwide as it presents more than 300 different species of fish in more than 30 basins. Amongst the sea life found here are sharks, penguins, turtles, frogs and a huge variety of fish and sea plants.

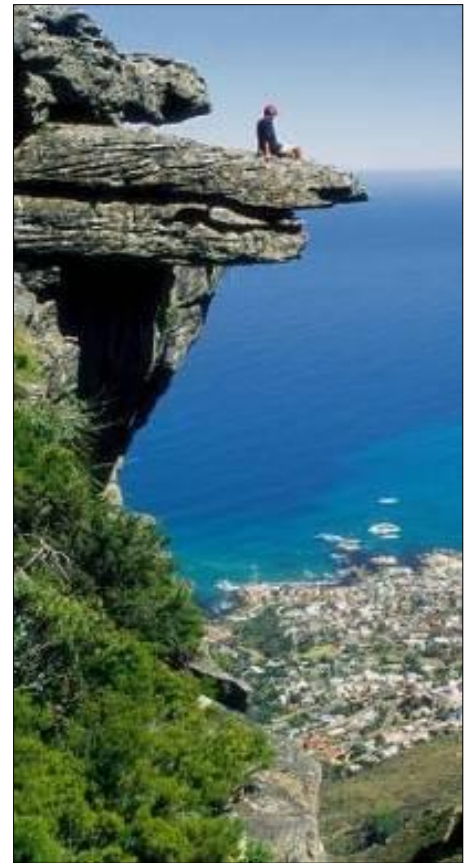
Overnight at the VINEYARD HOTEL. (B,L,D)



DAY 4 ~ WEDNESDAY ~ NOVEMBER 6

CAPE TOWN ~TABLE MOUNTAIN/SANCCOB

Get a feel of what Cape Town is all about by taking the cable car to the top of Table Mountain, the signature of this city, easily one of the most recognizable mountains. This tour is very dependent on the wind factor, as well as the clouds. Many times, a cloud covers this flat-topped mountain, which rises to 3,563 feet above sea level and the locals affectionately say it's a white tablecloth. Legend has it that a retired pirate, on climbing the mountain met up with the devil. In order to preserve his soul, the pirate challenged the devil in a smoking contest. So, they stoked up their pipes and have been smoking ever since. For centuries Table Mountain has been a guiding beacon to mariners rounding the Cape of Southern Africa. Sir Francis Drake described it as "the stateliest thing and the fairest cape we saw in the whole circumference of the earth." Despite its formidable appearance, it is possible to hike up Table Mountain. The first recorded ascent was in 1503 by the Portuguese navigator Antonio da Saldanha who, confused by the Cape Peninsula geography, climbed to the summit via the frontal cleft, now known as Platteklip Gorge. For nature lovers, the birding is awesome, and the wild flowers include agapanthus, watsonias and red nerines which poke out from rock crevices amid a scrub of ericas and gnarled proteas. More than 1400 species of flowering plants have been recorded on the mountain which makes it a spectacular sight in the spring. Cute guinea pig-like creatures known as rock dassies, or hyraxes, (genetically, the closest living relatives to elephants) scuttle everywhere. They are not afraid and scamper among the tourists seeking to be fed.



This afternoon, visit the Southern African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds

(SANCCOB,) a long name, but a great worthy cause. This non-profit seabird rehabilitation center is based in the Table Bay area in Cape Town. They are internationally recognized for their rehabilitation efforts. They have treated over 85,000 birds since inception in 1968. In addition to rehabilitation, especially for threatened species, they aim to raise awareness about conservation through education.

"SANCCOB is at the forefront of saving African penguins and other threatened seabirds. It never takes a day off and its rehabilitation team is on 24-hour call. SANCCOB deploys its specialist emergency response skills in Africa, the Indian Ocean region, Antarctica and Sub-Antarctic. Through its training academy it equips people to work in the environmental sector; and a passion to instill pride and knowledge about marine conservation drives its education programs. SANCCOB is a leader in seabird disease research."

Overnight at the VINEYARD HOTEL. (B,L)

DAYS 5/6 ~ THURSDAY/FRIDAY ~ NOVEMBER 7/8

CAPE TOWN/HAROLD PORTER GARDENS/GROOTBOS NATURE RESERVE

Start your day with a visit to Harold Porter gardens, this beautiful, secluded area set between mountain and sea, in the heart of the Cape Fynbos region within the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve. It consists of 24 acres of cultivated fynbos garden and 470 acres of pristine natural fynbos. The Garden Estate is the natural part of the garden with several miles of nature trails providing scenic views of forests, mountains and coastline. The main fynbos families (proteas, ericas and restios) are present as well as other important families such as irises, daisies and orchids. The Garden boasts red disa (*Disa uniflora*) in its natural habitat as well as South Africa's national flower, the king protea (*Protea cynaroides*).

The second leg of the journey takes you to Grootbos Nature Reserve, situated just past Hermanus, overlooking Walker Bay and Cape Point. It's also a short distance from the southernmost tip of Africa, Cape Agulhas, and is located on the best whale-watching coast in South Africa. You will experience something completely different here - exciting activities include coastal walks, beach excursions, horse/pony back riding and 4x4 drives.

Grootbos is a pristine botanical reserve that has some of the most beautiful wild flowers and striking landscapes to be seen. Your guide will explain fynbos in better detail, the seasonal fluctuations, what effect fire has on the plants and animals and why fynbos requires fire for succession.

Grootbos Private Reserve conserves 4,200 acres of pristine fynbos, the Cape's unique vegetation type. Within its borders lies a wealth of more than 650 species of indigenous plants. Huge stands of extravagant proteas paint the hillsides and bulbs burst into flower after fire. Pollination, seed dispersal and germination - there is always something happening and a story to be told. Grootbos' expert botanical guides will open your eyes to the intricacies of the fynbos ecosystems and leave you with another lasting impression of the wonders of nature.



The coastline offers a marine experience like no other. See 40-ton Southern Right Whales only few feet from your boat. Travel to the island refuge of huge sea bird colonies and admire the underwater antics of a 60,000 strong Cape Fur Seal colony. Be amazed by the awesome spectacle of a great white shark breaking the surface and transfixing you with an unblinking stare. The cliffs of Walker Bay, right at your doorstep, offer the best land-based whale viewing in the world. Watch spellbound as mothers, calves and energetic bulls come to within 30 meters of the rocky shoreline.

This area of coast is prime whale breeding and calving grounds and every year between July and November (even mid-December) many Southern Right whales come here. It is a sight to behold especially when they are so close into shore that you can smell their fishy breath! Late afternoon you will enjoy a spectacular sun set over Walker Bay, casting warm orange hues over all in its path. Sunrise is no less spectacular and makes for magnificent landscape or floral photography. Explore the reserve on foot, horseback or in an open 4x4 vehicle taking in the different eco-zones and Table Mountain sandstone geological structures. Take a stroll through one of the precious cool afro-montane forests, south facing fire resistant plant communities similar to tall tropical rain forests living in pockets on steep hills.



One of the activities included while at Grootbos is a whalewatching/marine discovery cruise. Gansbaai is the whale watching Mecca of the world. During the months of July to December people from all over the world journey to the shores of Gansbaai to view southern right whales and other marine life in the Dyer Island area, including African Penguins, sea birds, seals, great white sharks and dolphins. A qualified guide and naturalist will accompany you, therefore ensuring a high quality of service and an extremely informative trip.

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OPTIONAL EXCURSION OFFERED AT AN ADDITIONAL COST:

Great White Shark-Cage Diving (\$295 per person, additional):

The thrill of a lifetime, feel the exposure of free diving with nature's most feared predator, while remaining safe inside the shark cage. The trip focus on the natural predation and breaching of Great White sharks as well as shark cage diving. The expedition operates in small groups and takes a maximum of 7 guests per trip. As the groups are small, the tour provides an intimate experience as well as having the opportunity to pass on knowledge and passion for the sharks and the area. The cage is fixed to the boat and guests are allowed to snorkel in the cage (diving certification is not required for this purpose).



Grootbos Forest Lodge is situated just past Hermanus, overlooking Walker Bay and Cape Point. It's also a short distance from the southernmost tip of Africa, Cape Agulhas, and is located on the best whale-watching coast in South Africa. The lodge offers eleven luxury suites, each adorned with rich textures, spacious sunny bathrooms and living rooms with cozy fireplaces, mini bar, tea & coffee making facilities as well as wooden decks with spectacular views. Awaken to the calls of forest birds as the cottages are set among ancient milk wood trees deep in the nature reserve. Chefs conjure up gourmet dishes with fish caught that day, fresh vegetables and succulent meats enhanced with flavors from the flourishing herb garden. Award-winning South African wines compliment the dinner, which is served by candlelight at the restaurant with unbeatable sea views.

Overnights at THE GROOTBOS FOREST LODGE. (B,L,D Daily)
<http://www.grootbos.com/en/home/>



DAY 7 ~ SATURDAY ~ NOVEMBER 9
GROOTBOS/STANFORD/ WINELANDS

This morning, depart Grootbos for the Winelands region of the Cape. En route, stop in Stanford and board the African Queen for a birding cruise down the Klein River. With breathtaking views of the Klein River Mountains, this unforgettable Stanford river trip will be one of your life's highlights. The Klein River region is home to more than 127 species of birds, animals and salt and fresh water fish including bass, otter, terrapin and more.



Continue on to Hamilton Russel Winery for a tasting, followed by lunch at Forage at the Wildekrans Wine Estate. Products used by the chefs are foraged and sourced from local artisans and farmers within a 100km radius of the restaurant. The restaurant prepares plates daily, using old world techniques with modern inspiration and follow the ethos of promoting a sustainable and unique dining experience.

End the day in Franschoek, where you will check into your hotel. The balance of your day is at leisure to discover lovely antique shops and gardens, nestled in the "Valley of the Huguenots" where the French first settled in 1688.

Your accommodations are immersed in the Cape Provençal style. Of course, some call it an Auberge, others an exclusive country inn. From any point of view, Le Quartier Français is a splash of style in the heart of the historic village of Franschoek, a quaint corner of the Cape winelands that is forever a little French. The origins of Le Quartier Français are steeped in the history of the Cape Winelands – the original buildings were laborers' cottages which were upgraded and used as different forms of accommodation until the first restaurant was opened on this site. Set behind a delightful Provençal façade lined with a charming rose and lavender border, Le Quartier Français welcomes visitors from all over the globe who come here to dine in fine style and sleep in rooms with spectacular views. The newly refurbished, spacious suites are stylishly furnished with modern fittings, refreshing colors and brilliant hand-painted fabrics. Set in tranquil surroundings, the reception, lounge, library and 15 double rooms plus the Pool Suite and a House Suite are set against the mystic backdrop of the Franschoek Mountains and overlook a central landscaped garden with a natural pool. The colorful restaurant which opens into a magnificent garden is considered one of the top 100 restaurants in South Africa, and you can feast on the gastronomical delights of Chef Margot Janse, who cooks in a delightful mélange of French, Malay, and traditional South African dishes.



Overnight at LE QUARTIER FRANCAIS in Auberge Suites. (B,L) www.lqf.co.za/



DAY 8 ~ SUNDAY ~ NOVEMBER 10

WINELANDS

This morning, your first stop is the University town of Stellenbosch to tour the historic estate of Boschendal for an introduction to some of the most brilliantly-preserved Cape Dutch buildings in the Cape and its collection of priceless furniture. Enjoy a drive in this town where oak-lined streets next to water furrows compliment the many fine examples of elegant Cape Dutch, Victorian and Georgian architecture – all part of this unique "Town of Oaks".

Lunch today is at Babylonstoren, one of the oldest Cape Dutch farms. A 300-year-old Cape Dutch farm, Babylonstoren features a farmyard that is considered one of the best preserved of its kind. The garden here is divided into 15 sections, filled with edible produce, gorgeous flowering plants, a maze of prickly pears, and plenty of room for roaming livestock like ducks and chickens. For visiting humans, a beautiful shaded path winds through the gardens along a stream, perfect for taking in the blossoms of the clivia in the springtime.

Return to Franschoek for dinner on your own.
Overnight at LE QUARTIER FRANCAIS. (B,L)



DAYS 9/10/11 ~ MONDAY/TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY ~ NOVEMBER 11/12/13 CAPE TOWN/JOHANNESBURG/MADIKWE GAME RESERVE



Return to Cape Town for your flight to Johannesburg. Upon arrival board, board your short light aircraft flight to Madikwe Game Reserve, in search for the 'big five' – buffalo, lion, leopard, elephant and rhino. Situated on the border of Botswana in the North-West province of South Africa, Madikwe Reserve is a world-renowned 165,000-acre malaria-free wildlife reserve. Introduced to the public in August of 1991, the park has undergone extensive transformations. Its main goal upon opening was the reintroduction of wildlife species that once roamed the lands. Madikwe is managed by the North-West Parks and Tourism Board (NWPTB), a conservation organization that is world-renowned for its approach to people-based wildlife conservation. Unlike many other state-owned wildlife parks in Africa, the conservation approach adopted by Madikwe puts the needs of people before wildlife and conservation. NWPTB believes in order for conservation to succeed, local communities and individuals must benefit from wildlife conservation.

Madikwe is home to 66 mammal species and approximately 300 resident and migratory bird species. In addition to the 'Big Five,' hippo, giraffe, wild dog, hyena and cheetah can also be seen here. Due to its closeness to the Kalahari Desert, there's an overlap of a number of species, offering guests more diversity in wildlife viewing. Madikwe is also host to a number of large antelope species, such as eland, gemsbok, sable and nyala. Smaller buck species such as springbok, oribi, duiker and klipspringer can also be found here. While here search for the smaller animals – honey badger, otter, cerval, fox, meerkat, antbear, baboon, porcupine, warthog, bushbaby and hedgehog. Madikwe is also an ornithologist's paradise; a plethora of birds can be seen such as flycatchers, firefinches, babblers and buzzards.





Lelapa literally means 'family', which is exactly how Madikwe Lelapa Lodge and its staff want you to feel during your visit. There are only 12 suites on site to maintain an intimate atmosphere with personalized service. Your accommodation comes equipped with indoor and outdoor showers, a private plunge pool, and a wood-burning fireplace, put in place to enhance the subtle natural beauty of this incredible place.

ALTERNATE ACCOMMODATIONS: Just a stone's throw from Lelapa is the Madikwe Dithaba Lodge. Dithaba translates to mountain in a local dialect. The mountain in question is to the elevation that houses the lodge itself. This advantageous position offers stunning views over the verdant panorama of the surrounding plains. The camp is comprised of 4 suites with private plunge pools and wood-burning fireplaces. Overnights at MADIKWE LELAPA LODGE or MARIKWE DITHABA LODGE (B, L, D daily) <https://www.madikwesafarilodge.co.za/>

DAY 12 ~ THURSDAY ~ NOVEMBER 14

MADIKWE GAME RESERVE / JOHANNESBURG / EN ROUTE

In the morning, transfer to your flight to Johannesburg where you connect with your afternoon flight back home. (B, Meals Aloft)

DAY 13 ~ FRIDAY ~ NOVEMBER 15

CHICAGO

Today you land in Chicago bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of Southern Africa. (Meals Aloft)



OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO JOHANNESBURG & VICTORIA FALLS~ZIMBABWE

DAY 12 ~ THURSDAY ~ NOVEMBER 14

JOHANNESBURG

Transfer to the airport today for your flight to Johannesburg. Here bid farewell to the rest of the group returning to US and continue your adventure.

Often called Jo'burg, Johannesburg is the country's largest city and financial center with ultra-modern skyscrapers and a bustling way of life. It is the city of gold, as its claim to fame is the gold that was discovered close-by. There are many things to do in Johannesburg - relax, shop, sightsee and take in the local flavor.

The D'Oreale Grande is situated near Johannesburg International Airport, boasting luxurious accommodation, with palatial buildings set in a display of gardens, fountains and statues. Richly cloaked surroundings such as marble floors, plush carpets, magnificent stained-glass domes, highly decorated murals and frescos, sculptures, intricate mosaics and Roman columns and arches contribute to an atmosphere of intimacy, classical elegance and lavish opulence. Overnight at D'OREALE GRANDE. (B) www.doreale.com/



DAYS 13/14 ~ FRIDAY/SATURDAY ~ NOVEMBER 15/16

JOHANNESBURG/VICTORIA FALLS

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, to view the mighty Victoria Falls. At more than twice the size of Niagara Falls it's no surprise that Victoria Falls are among the Seven Wonders of the World. Mosi-oa-Tunya - The Smoke that Thunders, derived from the towering column of spray when the Zambezi River runs high, is the name that Zimbabwe's local people have given to this awesome natural phenomenon. The name is probably more appropriate and descriptive than "Victoria", which has a far too calm and composed ring to it to do justice to the masses of thundering, swirling water of these spectacular Falls. But all Dr. David Livingstone probably thought of when he named the Falls after his Queen in 1855 was his royal duty. Five separate falls make up this incredible spectacle that plunges more than 328 feet into a sheer-sided chasm which separates Zimbabwe from Zambia. The awe-inspiring abyss is spanned by a 1905 Edwardian bridge which links the two countries and many adventurers now use to bungee jump. The masses of water plunging down the Falls and into the gorge below originate from the mighty Zambezi River that meanders through more than 1,677 miles of African countryside.

An afternoon sundowner cruise will be a highlight as you glide along the Zambezi River, watching hippos snort, elephants drink on the riverbank, monkeys jump from branch to branch, birds fly overhead or pose for a photograph on the branches, and much more. Enjoy your gin and tonic, cool beer, or drink of choice, and see a panoramic sunset as the sun dips below the horizon, painting the whole area in unbelievable colors of brilliant reds, yellows, purples and mauves.



Visit an authentic native village to see how the local people live. You will be escorted by your English-speaking village guide, seeing a culture and ways of life that remains virtually unchanged through the ages. View their daily rituals, from the women cooking and mending their huts, to the artistic woodcarvings created right in front of you by the village artisans. Children scatter about and you are welcome to mingle and take photographs. Long after you've left, this cultural visit will remain with you, as you'll feel as though you've experienced a different part of Africa, quite essential if you're to understand the complexity of this continent.

Your accommodation will be at the fabulous Stanley & Livingstone Hotel within a 6,000-acre private reserve bordering the Zambezi National Park. Edwardian charm, marvelous accommodations, hospitable staff, and numerous bush activities will make your stay a most memorable one. Morning and evening game drives, game walks, rhino interaction and elephant experience round up the diverse activities on offer.

Overnights at STANLEY & LIVINGSTONE. (B,L,D Daily) <https://www.stanleyandlivingstone.co.zw/>



DAY 15 ~ SUNDAY ~ NOVEMBER 17

VICTORIA FALLS/JOHANNESBURG /EN ROUTE

Your morning is at leisure to enjoy the Falls on your own, before transferring to the airport for your flight to Johannesburg and home. (B, Meals Aloft)

DAY 16 ~ MONDAY ~ NOVEMBER 18

CHICAGO

Today you land in Chicago, bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of Southern Africa. (Meals Aloft)



INCLUSIONS

- Superior accommodations throughout at hotels and lodges as listed in the itinerary, or similar.
- Breakfasts daily, all meals while on safari and other meals as indicated in itinerary.
- Transportation in luxury air-conditioned motor coach. Game viewing in open land cruisers.
- Complimentary bottled water in vehicles.
- Roundtrip light aircraft flights between Johannesburg and Madikwe Game Reserve.
- Round-trip flight Johannesburg/Victoria Falls on the post extension.
- All applicable hotel/lodge gratuities and taxes.
- Specialist guide with a minimum of 15 travelers on the main program and the extension.
- An escort from Brookfield Zoo with a minimum of 15 travelers on the main and 10 travelers on the extension program.
- All park entry fees.
- Complimentary baggage tags and passport wallet.
- Complimentary emergency evacuation insurance.

EXCLUSIONS

- Round-trip air from Chicago to Cape Town returning from Johannesburg, including U.S. and foreign airport taxes (quoted separately).
- Flight between Cape Town/Kruger/Johannesburg on the main program, including foreign airport taxes (quoted separately).
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas. No visas are required for South Africa. Visas are required for Zimbabwe.
- Gratuities to driver/guides and other conveyance attendants. *Gratuities should only be given as a reward for exceptional service and is at your discretion. We estimate \$15 per person/per day for the specialist guide. \$10 per person/per day for the driver in the cities. \$10 for the ranger. \$5 per person/per day for the camp staff. \$ 3 per person for each arrival and departure transfer from the airport / hotel. These are daily per service estimates and an exact tipping chart will be detailed on your final itinerary.*
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.

PLEASE NOTE THE ITINERARY SEQUENCE IS CORRECT AT THE TIME OF WRITING, BUT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SOUTHERN AFRICA

Participants:

- Participants must be able to climb in and out of safari 4x4 vehicles or minibuses, small aircraft and boats/canoes unassisted. They should also be able to tolerate riding on uneven, bumpy dirt roads for long periods of time (6-8 hours maximum), as well as some off-road experiences when opportunities allow.
- Participants should also be able to stand and/or walk moderate distances at an easy pace for up to a few hours at a time when visiting villages, towns or other sites. Some, if not most, of this walking may be on uneven ground or uphill, often at higher elevations and altitudes that many people are not used to.

In general, this trip requires:

- Flexibility and good humor - unexpected changes and/or glitches will occur
- A spirit of adventure and curiosity
- Interest in and willingness to appreciate a destination with uneven infrastructure and a bending definition of comfort. That being said, some locations are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm.

Air Schedules

Choosing the best possible air arrangements for our travelers is always a challenge. We work with many airlines that offer the best level of service, routings and value for our programs. While there may indeed be more direct routings available with another airline, the cost of these flights may not be within the budget that allows us to give you the best value possible. If you prefer to purchase your own international air, please feel free to choose the "land only" rate for this program. **The start city for this program is Cape Town and the end city is Johannesburg, South Africa.**

Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.



YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

INCLUDING: CAPE TOWN, CAPE POINT, GROOTBOS NATURE RESERVE, WINELANDS & MADIKWE GAME RESERVE
EXTENSION TO JOHANNESBURG & VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

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DATES: NOVEMBER 3 TO 15, 2019

COST: PER PERSON, BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	MAIN PROGRAM	JOBURG & VICTORIA FALLS
	BASED ON 15 TRAVELERS	POST EXTENSION BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS
LAND PACKAGE ONLY	\$7,995 PER PERSON	\$3,295 PER PERSON
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT*	\$3,295 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	\$1,295 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL
ESTIMATED INTERNATIONAL AIR FROM CHICAGO, INCLUDING FUEL SURCHARGES & AIRLINE TAXES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE) AS WELL AS INTERNAL AIR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA	\$1,960 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	N/A
INTERNAL AIR IN SOUTH AFRICA IF INTERNATIONAL AIR IS NOT PURCHASED THROUGH CLASSIC ESCAPES	\$390 PER PERSON	N/A

*SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: RATE IS VALID FOR FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT WILL APPLY. SINGLES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE BASIS.

****ALL INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND BASED ON MINIMUM OF 10 TRAVELERS. TAXES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL TICKETED. IF LESS THAN 10 TRAVELERS, THE FARE WILL INCREASE & GIVEN TO THE TRAVELERS PRIOR TO ISSUING THE TICKETS, APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE**

DEPARTURE CITIES: CHICAGO
(OTHER DEPARTURE CITIES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AT ADDITIONAL COST)



CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

REGISTRATION

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the relevant deposit as shown below, to: CLASSIC ESCAPES, 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

PAYMENTS

DEPOSIT: A deposit of \$1,60 per person for the main trip and \$600 for the extension must be submitted at the time of booking. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover.

FINAL PAYMENT: Final payment is due 95 days (July 31, 2019) before departure - you will receive a final invoice. Final payment is payable by check or money order ONLY.

RATES: Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

NOT INCLUDED: Cost of passport and visa fees, and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional personal, baggage and tour cancellation insurance policy; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement may apply. Single accommodations are not guaranteed, but will be provided at additional cost if available (see reservation form for cost.) The single room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

GRATUITIES AND TAXES: Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, and entrance fees to all points of interest as outlined in the itinerary are included. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in air costs. Tips to drivers and naturalist are NOT included.

CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

TRIP INSURANCE: Because of the array on unforeseen circumstances that could delay or cancel a guest's trip, we highly recommend that guests purchase an optional insurance policy. Information will be sent to registrants.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to July 31, 2019, less \$300 handling fee, plus \$500 non-refundable deposits given to overseas suppliers.
- August 1 to August 20, 2019, deposit is forfeited.
- August 21 to August 30, 2019, less 75% of tour cost.
- After August 30, 2019, no refund is possible

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

CHANGE FEES: Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible at a fee of \$150 per person subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS: We would be happy to make additional travel plans for you, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those that may be offered in conjunction with this tour. A service charge of \$150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.

DOCUMENTS

PASSPORT & VISAS: The onus is upon the guest to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited and for the applicable time period, as outlined by the U.S. Department of State (travel.state.gov) or by the passport holder's country. Classic Escapes, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas, etc. not held by the guests, nor for the cost of obtaining visas.

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION: Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send a pre-departure packet to you. This packet contains all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, insurance information, etc.

FINAL DOCUMENTS: Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

TRANSPORTATION

OPTIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION: Roundtrip, economy-class flights via **KLM ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES** and/or other IATAN carriers are between CHICAGO and the destination city noted in the itinerary. Rates are based on special promotional fares; cancellation fees apply once tickets are issued. Departures from other cities in the USA are possible at additional cost; inquire at the time of reservation. Please note that these promotional fares are subject to 10 passengers traveling together on the same airline routing and itinerary. If this minimum is not met, the special group rates are not applicable and it might become necessary to issue instant purchase tickets earlier than when final payment is due in order to take advantage of airfares that are similar to the group rates. Should this occur, you will be contacted with the details.

AIRLINE SEATING: For **KLM ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES**, we request seats together for the group. All planes are non-smoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however requested seats cannot be guaranteed. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Boarding passes will only be issued at the airport on the day of departure. You may inquire about seat changes during check in, based on availability and is at the sole discretion of airport staff.

FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE: As mentioned, we work primarily with **KLM ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES**. For a list of the airline's partners, visit <https://www.skyteam.com/en/about/>. Become a member of the mileage program for any of these airlines and present your frequent flyer card at all flight check-ins to obtain credit for your flights. Remember to keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit.

TRANSFERS: Roundtrip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

DEPARTURE TAXES: Please note the amount of departure tax reflected in the airfare is subject to change, at the discretion of governments and airlines, and with no advance notice. Should this occur, you will be invoiced prior to departure for any additional taxes imposed.

TRIP DETAILS

ACCOMMODATIONS: You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

MEALS: All meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate.

INOCULATIONS: When it comes to vaccination and disease prevention, we suggest that travelers first review information provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov/travel) and then review those details with their personal physicians.

WATER: It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.

BAGGAGE: On average, international flights from the USA allow two pieces of checked luggage, each not exceeding 50 pounds; however, we always recommend that you check your airline's policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change. Despite this weight allowance, we always suggest guests travel light. Also, soft-sided duffel bags are ideal for this tour, as they stow best in vehicles and airplanes with limited space.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESPONSIBILITIES: Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of the Company shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any safari or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any safari being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund. The person making any booking will, by the making of such booking, warrant that he or she has authority to enter into a contract on behalf of the other person included in such a booking and in the event of the failure of any or all of the other persons so included to make payment, the person making the booking shall by his/her signature thereof assume personal liability for the total price of all bookings made by him/her.

PHOTOGRAPHY: The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

CHANGES TO SCHEDULES: Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and hotels as dictated by changing conditions.

REFUNDS: While the Company uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Company for a refund either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

AIRLINE CLAUSE: The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

DELAYS: We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. If one of our guides is unable to take a safari due to illness, etc. we reserve the right to substitute with another guide. This agreement is made subject to and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the country in which the safari takes place. Classic Escapes act merely as an agent for the operating companies. To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

CONSENT: The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a safari constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this safari, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the Company.

INSURANCE: It is a condition of booking, that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or traveling companions.

Please visit the website to enroll - <http://www.travelguard.com/classicescapes/>. For any questions you may have on insurance, contact Travel Guard at 1-866-385-4839 and refer to ARC #71298.

INCLUDED EMERGENCY EVACUATION COVERAGE: For the convenience of our travelers, Classic Escapes provides a complimentary Medical Insurance Plan during this trip through Travel Guard Group, Inc. This includes:

- Emergency evacuation insurance up to \$100,000.
- Up to \$25,000 medical expense and up to \$500 dental expense coverage subject to the terms and limitations of the insurance policy.
- 24-hour worldwide travel and medical assistance.

Please click here to view complete coverage of details.

https://webservice.travelguard.com/Product/FileRetrieval.aspx?CountryCode=US&StateCode=NW&ProductCode=009031&PlanCode=P4&FileType=PROD_PLAN_DOC

HELP US GO GREEN

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Recycling one ton of paper saves 20 trees, 7,000 gallons of water, three cubic yards of landfill space, 60 pounds of air pollutants, and saves enough energy to power the average home for six months...

Please indicate in the chart below whether or not you prefer to receive paperless correspondence from us – all you need to do is put a check under the “green” symbol for yes or a check under the “NO” for no.

Simply fax or email your responses to reservations@classicescapes.com!

You Will Receive The Following Items For Your Program:		NO
Welcome Letter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preliminary Materials - prelude packet and invoice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reminder Invoice with balance due	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paid-in-Full Invoice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Final Documents - species list, journal and final booklet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Trip Tour Code: 19AFZ1103/BROOKFIELD

Together we can make the world a better place!

Thank you for your support,



RESERVATION FORM:

BROOKFIELD ZOO~ SOUTH AFRICA

19AFZ1103/BROOKFIELD

Enclosed is my deposit for \$ _____ (\$1,600 per person plus \$600 for the extension) to hold _____ place(s) on the Exclusive Safari to South Africa with the Brookfield Zoo departing November 3, 2019. Cost is \$7,995 per person, double occupancy, land only. Estimated international air from Chicago is \$1,960 in economy, including departure taxes & fuel surcharges (currently, subject to change). Final payment due date is **July 31, 2019**.

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES and mail to 58-25 queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377 **OR**

Charge deposit to: MasterCard Visa American Express Discover

(Credit Card Authorization form needs to be completed and returned to Classic Escapes via mail or fax to 718-204-4726)

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, **all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.**

Please note that a copy of your passport will be required to complete your reservation, showing the page with your photograph. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the return of your trip.

1) NAME (As appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

Passport No. _____ Green Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____ Nationality _____

2) NAME (As appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

Passport No. _____ Green Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____ Nationality _____

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) _____ 2) _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONES: HOME: () _____ OFFICE: () _____ MOBILE: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ FAX: () _____

- I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.
- The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: ONE TWO Beds (Make one selection only)
- I am sharing with _____ (form sent separately)
- I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if Brookfield Zoo or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement amount. I prefer to share with: Smoker Non-smoker
- I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of:
 \$3,295 for the main program \$1,295 for post-extension
- I desire to participate in the optional extension to Johannesburg & Victoria Falls at a cost of \$3,295 per person
- I desire to participate in shark cage diving while at Grootbos at the additional cost of \$295 per person (weather permitting)

- Please make my/our roundtrip air reservations on the group flights from Chicago via KLM Royal Dutch Airlines.
 - Please make domestic round-trip air reservations for me from my home city: _____ to connect with the group flights and let me know the additional cost.
 - Please send me information on air upgrades for: Business/First Class (only one class - business/first - exists)
Airline Seating Preference Aisle Window Frequent Flier # _____
- **We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however this is only a request and NOT guaranteed, as some seating assignments may be airport check-in only. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Also note that even if we do obtain your preferred seat, it is not guaranteed that the seat will be provided during check-in as there might be equipment changes that nullify our selection.
- I/We will make own air arrangements and will provide you with an itinerary before trip departure. I understand I will be charged \$390 for the internal flights within South Africa.

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of July 18, 2018, and are subject to change. Refund of deposit is made less any cancellation charges levied in accordance with the policy outlined in the accompanying Conditions of Travel. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).**

How did you hear about this trip? _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

CLASSIC ESCAPES INC.

58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377

(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference)



BROOKFIELD ZOO SOUTH AFRICA
NOVEMBER 3 TO 13, 2019

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E: info@classicescapes.com

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.

I authorize (**Classic Escapes Inc.**) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Name appearing on credit card _____

Card number _____ Expiration date _____

Card Verification Number* _____ Card Type _____

Billing address of credit card _____

Amount of transaction _____

Services rendered/Items purchased _____

Phone number _____

Signature _____ Date _____

***How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:**

(Visa, MasterCard, Discover: Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3 digit number which follows the credit card number. **American Express:** Enter the 4 digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.)

I understand that all rates quoted on this tour I'm making a payment on are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of July 18, 2018, and are subject to change Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

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These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines.

PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver's license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these copies.